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SUBJECT: Requests that NRC resolve Unit 2 open items so that UL can be issued by Nov 1980, saving consumer money. Util fully addressed implications of TMI in 790816 transmittal of evaluation & action plan.

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SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT—OPERATIONS

September 18, 1979

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Mr. Harold R. Denton, Director  
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation  
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Denton:

Docket Nos. 50-361 and 50-362  
San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station  
Units 2 and 3

Following the events at Three Mile Island, Southern California Edison Company and San Diego Gas & Electric Company began an evaluation program to identify appropriate changes to the design and operation of our San Onofre nuclear generating facilities. On August 16, 1979, we transmitted a report entitled, "Evaluation and Action Plan for San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station Units 2 & 3 Relative to the Three Mile Island Incident." We feel that this report represents an unmatched effort towards addressing the implications of the TMI incident with respect to a specific nuclear power plant project. Included in the report were substantial commitments to proceed with engineering and physical modifications deemed appropriate to provide an upgraded level of nuclear safety for San Onofre Units 2 & 3.

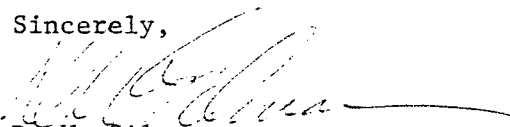
The ongoing evaluation program is being conducted on a high priority basis to insure the overall safety of these generating units and to avoid unnecessary delays in the licensing schedule. We feel we have also been responsive to your staff in addressing non-TMI licensing items. The majority of the information requested by your staff for the remaining open items has been provided.

It is vital that San Onofre Units 2 & 3 remain on schedule. This is especially true for the area served by San Diego Gas & Electric Company. The operation of Unit 2 would conservatively reduce the consumption of oil used by our fossil power plants by 200,000 barrels per month and result in a monthly savings to our customers of approximately \$4.2 million. Without Unit 2, the energy capacity for SDG&E would fall below levels critical for reliable service in 1982 and beyond.

Accordingly, the San Diego Gas & Electric Company respectfully requests that you take steps to provide the required effort to resolve the San Onofre Unit 2 open items in a timely manner consistent with issuance of an operating license by November, 1980.

Sincerely,

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